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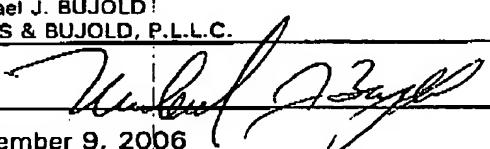
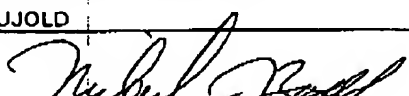
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| Filed | : | with an effective filing date of November 7, 2003 |
| For | : | PERMANENT CONTROL DEVICE FOR THE GROUNDING OF AN ELECTRIC PUBLIC TRANSPORT VEHICLE RUNNING ON TYRES AND WHICH IS SELF-GUIDED |
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The present Response After Final Rejection Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.116 is submitted in reply to the Final Office Action of August 10, 2006. The Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following before reconsideration of the present Application and allowance of the present Application, in light of the following, or timely issuance of an Advisory Action if the Examiner feels such to be necessary.

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 14 as follows in which the claim additions are shown by underlining and/or the claim deletions are shown by strikeout or brackets. Please enter the amended claims into the record of this case.